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SUBJ: PARTIAL REOPENING OF US MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN TURKEY

REF: ANKARA 7983

1. AS FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WILL BE DEPARTING EARLY TOMORROW (TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18) FOR PAKISTAN AND WILL BE AWAY FOR A NUMBER OF DAYS (EFFECTIVELY UNTIL MORNING OF NOVEMBER 29), I TELEPHONED HIS CHEF DU CABINET, TUGAY ULUCEVIK, TO ASK FOR THE STATUS OF THE U.S. REQUEST FOR A PARTIAL REOPENING OF THE BASES--A REQUEST THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS AND ONE WHICH WE HAVE ARGUED SHOULD BE GRANTED IN RECIPROCATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO GET A PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

2. ULUCEVIK CALLED ME BACK A FEW MINUTES LATER TO SAY THAT THE MINISTER HAD ASKED HIM TO SAY THAT HE HAD RAISED THIS MATTER WITH THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND WAS AWAITING A RESPONSE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS A REQUEST WHICH THE GOT, FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS, IS MOST RELUCTANT TO SAY "YES" TO BUT WHICH FOR CONGRESSIONAL AND OTHER US-RELATIONS REASONS, IS ALSO MOST HESITANT TO SAY "NO" TO. SO WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND WHAT IS LIKELY TO HAPPEN FOR SOME TIME LONGER, IS THAT WE ARE GETTING NO RESPONSE.
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